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SUBJECT: CANADIAN HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST CLAIMS RAOUL  
WALLENBERG STILL ALIVE

1. THE TORONTO GLOBE AND MAIL REPORTED JANUARY 23 THAT MONTREAL HUMAN RIGHTS ACTIVIST IRWIN COTLER CLAIMS HE HAS OBTAINED "UNCONTROVERTIBLE" EVIDENCE THAT SWEDISH DIPLOMAT RAOUL WALLENBERG -- CREDITED WITH HAVING SAVED THOUSANDS OF HUNGARIAN JEWS DURING WWII -- IS STILL ALIVE AND LANGUISHING IN A SOVIET PRISON. COTLER SAYS A RETIRED (UNNAMED) SWEDISH DIPLOMAT PROVIDED THE EVIDENCE PROVING THAT WALLENBERG WAS ALIVE AND IN PRISON NEAR MOSCOW AS LATE AS JULY 1987. THE REPORTS, IF TRUE, WOULD REFUTE SOVIET CLAIMS THAT WALLENBERG DIED OF A HEART ATTACK IN LUBIANKA PRISON IN JULY 1947. THE EVIDENCE IS SAID TO CONSIST OF TWENTY FIRST-HAND TESTIMONIES THAT ARE "INDEPENDENTLY CORROBORATED, MADE UNDER OATH AND NOTARIZED."

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2. THE GLOBE STORY SAID THAT COTLER -- WHO IS A

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MCGILL UNIVERSITY LAW PROFESSOR AND CHAIRMAN OF THE CANADIAN HELSINKI COMMITTEE -- WILL PARTICIPATE IN AN INTERNATIONAL DELEGATION THAT WILL VISIT MOSCOW (FOR ONE WEEK BEGINNING JANUARY 24) TO DISCUSS HUMAN RIGHTS ISSUES. THE GROUP PLANS TO PRESS SOVIET AUTHORITIES ON THE WALLENBERG CASE AND ALSO URGE THE RELEASE OF AN ADDITIONAL 430 POLITICAL PRISONERS. THE DELEGATION IS SAID TO VIEW THE WALLENBERG CASE AS A TEST OF GORBACHEV'S GLASNOST POLICIES.

3. THE GLOBE ARTICLE NOTED THAT WALLENBERG IS THE ONLY PERSON EVER ACCORDED HONORARY CANADIAN CITIZENSHIP.  
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